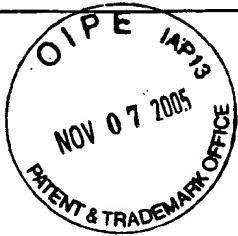


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November 7, 2005

Mail Stop Petitions
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Re: U.S. Application No. 08/915,004
Filed: August 20, 1997
Title: Novel Proteins and Methods for Producing the Proteins
Applicants: Masaaki GOTO *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.010

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition to the Commissioner; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16991.010:

\$ 200.00 petition fee

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the petition fee (\$200.00), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16991.010. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Marsh (Reg. Attorney No. 41,408)
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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GOTO <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit:	1636
Appln. No.: 08/915,004	Examiner:	M. Pak
Filed: August 20, 1997	Atty. Docket:	16991.010
For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE PROTEINS	Confirmation No.:	9564

PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the patent term extension ("PTE") indicated with the Notice of Allowance, mailed September 7, 2005, for the above-referenced application. Applicants herein apply for an extension of the patent term beyond what was calculated by the Patent Office due to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") delay. The PTE suggested by the Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) mailed on September 7, 2005 is 1631 days. Applicants' calculations for the correct PTE follow.

The examination delay in this application begins on November 23, 1998, the date the first Notice of Suspension was mailed. Prosecution remained closed in this matter until the Notice of Allowance was issued almost seven years later. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be given the maximum extension of five years or 1825 days.

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Statement of Facts

1. The instant application was filed on August 20, 1997. As such, 37 C.F.R. §1.701 determines the amount of PTE. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.701(b), the term of a patent entitled to extension is calculated by the sum of delay under paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (d). The delay affecting patent term in the instant application falls under 37 C.F.R. §1.701(c)(1)(ii), the number of days in the period beginning on the date prosecution in the application was suspended by the USPTO due to interference proceedings and ending on the date of termination of the suspension.
2. November 23, 1998 was the date prosecution in the instant application was suspended by the USPTO due to interference proceedings. The Notice of Suspension, mailed on November 23, 1998, stated, "All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter." (emphasis in original). A copy of the Notice of Suspension is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. Following the suspension period, on June 8, 1999, July 16, 1999, August 4, 1999, Applicants submitted a status inquiry regarding the status of the instant application.
4. On August 31, 1999 another Notice of Suspension due to potential interference was mailed from the USPTO. Then, on March 8, 2000, April 10, 2000, May 10, 2000, Applicants submitted a status inquiry regarding the status of the instant application.
4. On June 8, 2000, another Notice of Suspension due to potential interference was mailed from the USPTO. Following this suspension period, Applicants submitted a status inquiry regarding the status of the instant application on December 11, 2000 and March 5, 2001.
3. On March 21, 2001, a communication from the USPTO was mailed, indicating that the above-identified application was to continue to be suspended due to a potential interference and/or the publication of prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The USPTO also requested certified translations of the priority documents. The Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) access site suggests that this is the beginning of the examination delay resulting in PTE.

4. On April 9, 2001, Applicants responded to the March 21, 2001 communication by filing certified translations of the priority documents. Thereafter, inquiries concerning the continued suspension of action were submitted on July 31, 2002, October 7, 2002, December 20, 2002, March 5, 2003 and May 27, 2003.

5. On June 19, 2003, a Petition to the Commissioner was filed requesting status information. In response, Applicants received a Decision on Petition, mailed December 16, 2003, indicating that the application remained suspended due to a possible interference and was to be forwarded “[w]ithin a few days” to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) to determine whether an interference would be declared. Applicants note that in this Decision on Petition, the USPTO refers to suspension of prosecution on March 21, 2001 (the date alleged in PAIR as the beginning of the delay resulting in PTE).

6. A substitute specification was filed on February 17, 2004, and Applicants filed inquiries for status information on April 28, 2004 and July 1, 2004.

7. September 7, 2005 was the date of termination of the suspension when the Notice of Allowance was mailed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to review the PTE calculation and require a correction to the 5 year maximum or 1825 days.

The fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)) may be \$200.00 for this petition. If so, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge said fee, or a greater one if applicable, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed. However, Applicants request that any fee requirement be waived in that, according to MPEP Section 2720, Applicant is requesting review by way of a petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.181 and no fee is specified.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: November 7, 2005

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Exhibit A

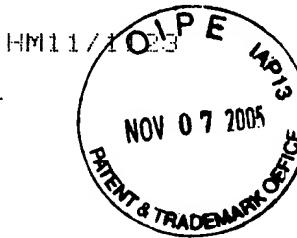


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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

Commissioner of Patents

Status Inquiry

DUE: 5-23-99

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Schwartzman whose telephone number is (703) 308-7307. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Robert A. Schwartzman, Ph.D.
November 16, 1998

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PATENT LOCKETING

Interview Summary	Application No. 08/915,004	Applicant(s) Goto et al.
	Examiner Robert Schwartzman	Group Art Unit 1636

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Robert Schwartzman (3) _____

(2) Christine C. Vito (4) _____

Date of Interview Oct 29, 1998

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:
None

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:
Examiner indicated that the papers filed October 16, 1998 had been received and that the after final amendment would be entered. The allowability of the claims is being considered.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.